

Delta Protection Commission
Executive Director's Report
November 21, 2013

Program and Project Update

1. **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)** – the project EIS/EIR is slated for release on December 13 and will initiate an anticipated 120-day comment period (to April 14, 2014). DPC staff intends to analyze the project relative to the Land Use and Resource Management Plan (LURMP) and we are already reviewing comments and concerns provided by other parties. We expect to have a larger discussion of potential DPC comments at the January 2014 DPC meeting.

Administrative Update

1. **Strategic Planning** – DPC is re-engaging the strategic planning effort and we expect to have a draft strategic plan prepared by Spring 2014. A workshop with Commissioners has been scheduled for December 19 from 8:30-12:30 in West Sacramento (location still being finalized). The workshop will focus on developing a roadmap for DPC's work for the coming 7 years, including current work areas. Specific outcomes from the workshop include a review of DPC's mission statement, program themes, and determining clear goals for the Commission.
2. **Delta Protection Advisory Committee (DPAC)** – DPAC met on November 5 in Walnut Grove with 6 DPAC members in attendance and over 25 members of the public. Topics discussed included proposed DPAC charter changes, Delta flood issues (including NFIP), California Water Plan update, BDCP (unavoidable impacts affecting "Delta as Place"), and communications with Delta residents. A subcommittee of the DPAC (Melinda Terry, Leo Winternitz, and Gilbert LaBrie) was formed to suggest changes to the charter and possible new members of the DPAC; DPC staff anticipates bringing a revised DPAC charter and proposed DPAC membership to the Commission for consideration at the January 23, 2014 meeting.
3. **San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) "State of the Estuary" Conference** - DPC staff (Alex Westhoff, Natalie Smith and consultant Mike Machado) attended the conference in Oakland on October 29 and 30. Alex Westhoff presented "Delta Gateways" on a break-out panel and Mike spoke at a plenary session with other state agency representatives. There were over 700 participants in the conference.
4. **California Flood Preparedness Week November 4-9** - DPC staff coordinated a mailing to Delta residents in late October encouraging them to be aware of flood risks, be prepared for a flood emergency and stay informed in the event of a flood. The mailing (under contract to DWR; see sample in Commissioner packets) consisted of an informational letter, emergency contacts wallet card and refrigerator magnet. In addition, DPC staff (Natalie Smith, Raymond Costantino and Erik Vink) set up an informational table in Walnut Grove on November 9 where an emergency preparedness kit was displayed and staff answered questions about flood preparedness and other topics (BDCP and flood insurance premiums, among others).